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SUBJECT: ATTITUDE OF AFRICAN FRONT LINE AND CARIBBEAN STATES ON
RHODESIA PEACE PROPOSALS

BEGIN SUMMARY: REPORTEDLY AFRICAN FRONT-LINE STATES WILL
INITIALLY SUPPORT ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS IN RHODESIA
AT UNGA, BUT RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THEIR POSITIONS.
COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN STATES WILL GENERALLY FOLLOW
LEAD OF FRONT LINE STATES. IN CONTRAST MOZAMBIQUE AND
CUBA WILL WORK TOWARD DEFEAT OF PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S COURTESY CALL ON FONMIN WILLS
SEPTEMBER 28, WILLS COMMENTED IN PASSING ON THE
MOZAMBICAN ADVANCE TEAM WHICH HAD VISTED HERE LAST
WEEK TO PREPARE FOR PRESIDENT MACHEL'S VISIT.

2. WILLS SAID THAT THE "FRONT-LINE STATES" (THE COMMON-
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WEALTH STATES OF TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, AND BOTSWANA)
WOULD "LOBBY" IN FAVOR OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS
ON RHODESIA DURING THE CURRENT UNGA SESSION, BUT THEY
WOULD REFRAIN FROM TAKING THE LEAD IN SPEAKING IN FAVOR
OF THEM AND WOULD RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THEIR
POSITION DURING OR AFTER THE UNGA SESSION SHOULD EVENTS
CONVINCE THEM TO DO SO. THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN

STATES, INCLUDING GUYANA, WOULD GENERALLY TAKE A SIMILAR LINE. THEY WOULD PREFER A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION NOT INVOLVING BLOODSHED BUT WOULD SUPPORT ARMED FORCE IF NEGOTIATION FAILED.

3. ACCORDING TO WILLS, THE MOZAMBICANS AND CUBANS ARE LOBBYING AGAINST THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THEY WANTED TO PREVENT A CEASE FIRE AND NEGOTIATED SOLUTION IN ORDER TO GIVE THE CUBANS TIME TO CONVERT THE DISORGANIZED MOZAMBICAN GUERRILLAS INTO A DISCIPLINED INSURGENT ARMY WHICH COULD DEFEAT THE WHITE RHODESIAN FORCES.

4. THE MOZAMBICAN ADVANCE TEAM HAD INCLUDED A CUBAN DURING ITS VISIT TO GUYANA. WILLS SAID THE GUYANESE HAD OBJECTED TO HIS PRESENCE AND EXCLUDED HIM FROM THEIR MEETINGS. HE OBSERVED DRILY THAT MACHEL IS DIVIDING HIS TIME "EQUALLY" IN THE CARIBBEAN, SPENDING 3 DAY IN GUYANA, 2 DAYS IN JAMAICA AND 5 DAYS IN CUBA.
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